

LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Organization Name	Mission/Description	Contact Information	Geographic Scope	Not-For-Profit Status	Primarily DD oriented?
African-American Autism Support Services of Arizona	To connect, support, educate and equip the African American community in becoming involved in the advocacy, education and research efforts pertaining to Autism and the Autism Spectrum locally and nationally	www.Africanamericanautis.mofaz.org/index.php	Maricopa County	?	YES
American Association of People with Disabilities	Cross-disability member organization dedicated to ensuring economic self-sufficiency and political empowerment for Americans with disabilities.	www.aapd.com	National	501(c)(3)	NO
Arizona Association for the Deaf	This organization shall be organized and operated exclusively to promote the welfare of deaf and hard of hearing residents of the state of Arizona in education, economic, security, social equality, and just rights and privileges as citizens	http://www.azadinc.org/	State	501(c)(3)	NO
Arizona Autism Coalition	The Arizona Autism Coalition improves the lives of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families in Arizona by sharing resources and affecting autism systems reform through state-wide collaboration and advocacy.	www.azautism.org	State	501(c)(3)	YES
Arizona Autism Spectrum, Support, Information, and Strategies for Transitions. AZ-ASSIST	Our mission is to provide education, strategies, and support related to transition into the community after high school to parents of teens and young adults on the autism spectrum and to provide transition education and create opportunities for social skill development for teens and young adults on the Autism Spectrum.	http://azassist.wetpaint.com	State	?	YES

Arizona Bridge to Independent Living (ABIL)	ABIL and all other Centers for Independent Living are involved in changing systems to make them more “user” friendly and responsive to our needs. Independent Living & Self-determination philosophy stresses the importance of people with disabilities being in decision-making roles about programs that are for their benefit. We provide monthly advocacy-related workshops where people can learn together self-advocacy skills and how the various systems work. We usually provide two advocacy related workshops each month.	www.abil.org	Maricopa County	501(c)(3)	NO
Arizona Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	ACDHH aspires to be a national leader in communication access, support services and community empowerment throughout the state.	http://acdhh.org/	State	?	NO
Arizona Council for Exceptional Children	CEC is the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities, students with disabilities, and/or the gifted. CEC advocates for appropriate governmental policies, sets professional standards, provides continual professional development, advocates for newly and historically underserved individuals with exceptionalities, and helps professionals obtain conditions and resources necessary for effective professional practice.	www.azcec.org/	State	501(c)(3)	NO
Arizona Council of the Blind	Statewide affiliate of the American Council of the Blind, Inc. organization made up of blind, visually impaired, and sighted Arizonans, with a broad diversity of occupations and professions. Primary focus is on blindness-related issues - especially on dealing effectively with the challenges of daily living	http://aztec.asu.edu/azcb/	State	501(c)(3)	NO

Arizona Disability Advocacy Coalition	The mission of AzDAC is to act as a catalyst to engage individuals with disabilities, their families and organizations that serve them in advocacy efforts that promote public policy which enhances the choice, dignity, rights and responsibilities of people with disabilities.	http://www.azdac.org/	State	501(c)(3)	NO
ASSIST! To Independence	Helping American Indians with differing disabilities live in harmony	www.assisttoindependence.org	Northeastern Arizona		NO
Autism Society Greater Phoenix and Autism Society Greater Tucson, Autism Society of America, Northern Arizona Chapter (nazasa)	The Autism Society, the nation's leading grassroots autism organization, exists to improve the lives of all affected by autism. We do this by increasing public awareness about the day-to-day issues faced by people on the spectrum, advocating for appropriate services for individuals across the lifespan, and providing the latest information regarding treatment, education, research and advocacy	www.tucsonautism.org www.phxautism.org	State	501(c)(3)	YES
Autistic Self-Advocacy Network (ASAN)	A nonprofit organization run by and for people on the autism spectrum, whose leadership is made up entirely of self-advocates on the autism spectrum. Includes links to autism reporting in the news as well as a list of chapters and affiliates and a resource library. Arizona chapter	http://www.autisticadvocacy.org/	State & National	501(c)(3)	YES
Best Buddies Arizona	Best Buddies® is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships and integrated employment.	www.bestbuddiesarizona.org	State	501(c)(3)	YES
DIRECT Center for Independence	DIRECT Center for Independence, Inc. is a consumer-directed, community-based advocacy organization, that promotes independent living and offers a variety of programs for all people with disabilities which encourages them to achieve their full potential and to participate in the community	www.directilc.org	Pima County	501(c)(3)	NO

Disability.gov	A website designed to connect people with disabilities, their family members, Veterans, caregivers, employers, service providers and others with the resources they need to ensure that people of all abilities can fully participate in the workplace and in their communities. Managed by the federal Dept. of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy	www.disability.gov	National	No	NO
Down Syndrome Connection	To support and inspire individuals with Down Syndrome including their families and our community. We provide information, resources, and connections to people who share the joys and unique challenges of loving someone with Down Syndrome	http://www.dsconnection.com/	Pima County		YES
Down Syndrome Network Arizona	Our mission at DSNetwork is to educate, support and advocate for those in our community impacted by Down syndrome. DSNetwork will achieve this goal through an open, supportive and collaborative network that will connect individuals and families with needed resources and information.	http://www.dsnetworkaz.org/index.html	State	501(c)(3)	YES
Kids With Autism Can	Mission Statement: To help kids with Autism (and other spectrum disorders) work towards independence through therapy and education. Kids With Autism Can will encourage parents to work with their children to foster skills of independence by focusing on their strengths	http://kidswithautismcan.org	State	501(c)(3)	YES
Mental Health Association of Arizona	The Mental Health Association of Arizona promotes good mental health and works on behalf of all people living with mental illness by advocating, educating and shaping public policy.	http://www.mhaarizona.org/	State	501(c)(3)	NO
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Arizona	A 501(c)(3) representing Arizona families affected by serious mental illness	http://nami.org	State & National	501(c)(3)	NO

National Youth Leadership Network	NYLN is a youth-led organization. We work to build power among people with disabilities between the ages of 16- 28 years old. We want to support young people in their role as the next generation of leadership in the Disability Rights Movement. NYLN has been around since 1997. We are the only youth-led disability rights nonprofit organization in the country. NC, ID, NY	http://www.nyln.org/about-us/	National	501(c)(3)	NO
New Horizons Independent Living Center	To provide services and advocacy which empower and enable people with disabilities to self-determine the goals and activities of their lives	www.newhorizonsilc.org	Yavapai County	501(c)(3)	NO
People First Arizona	A statewide self-advocacy organization comprised primarily of people with developmental disabilities, families, and advocates	http://cpes.com/advocacyresources/selfadvocacy/peoplefirst.htm	State	501(c)(3)	YES
Pilot Parents of Southern Arizona	Parent information and training center for families. Collects, organize and distribute useful information to support families in advocating for their needs. Runs Partners in Policy Making Program.	www.pilotparents.org	Pima County	501(c)(3)	NO
Raising Special Kids	Parent Information and Training Center. Provides training, information and referral and advocacy and support. Programs include health care training and information, special education training, and family support groups.	www.raisingpecialkids.org	State	501(c)(3)	NO
S.M.I.L.E. - Services Maximizing Independent Living Empowerment	To provide the catalyst for community change and life altering experiences and thereby empower individuals with significant disabilities, throughout Yuma and La Paz Counties:	http://www.snap211.com/org/1482438.html	Yuma County	501(c)(3)	NO

Santa Cruz Parents Love Connection	We help Parents who have Special Needs Children learn what is available for them. We teach IDEA,FAPE,504C,and the ADA laws to help parents in their IEP Meetings with their child's school, so that they better know what is available by law for their child.	none	Santa Cruz County	?	NO
Self Advocacy Coalition of Arizona	The Self-Advocacy Coalition of Arizona is a statewide organization that enhances the rights and responsibilities of individuals with disabilities	http://sacofaz.org/	State	501(c)(3)	NO
Self Advocates Becoming Empowered	Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) is the self-advocacy organization of the United States. Founded in 1990, we have been working hard for the full inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in the community throughout the 50 states and the world for 20 years. Our non-profit advocacy organization is run by a board of self-advocates representing 9 regions of the country.	www.sabeusa.org	National	501(c)(3)	YES
Sharing Down Syndrome Arizona	The SDSA vision is to educate and empower parents to be the best advocate for their child.	http://sharingds.org/	State	501(c)(3)	YES
Southern Arizona Network for Down Syndrome (SANDS)	Welcome to Southern Arizona Network for Down Syndrome (SANDS), our mission: To improve and enrich the lives of individuals with Down syndrome and to promote public awareness.	http://www.sandsaz.org/	Pima County	501(c)(3)	YES
Speak-Up Arizona	This is the home page for epilepsy advocates in Arizona! Join us in our effort to find a cure, stop discrimination and improve access to care and treatment.	http://epilepsyfoundation.ning.com/group/speakuparizona	State	501(c)(3)	NO
The ARC of Arizona	Arc sponsored conferences and workshops, resource information and advocacy, for children and adults with cognitive and other developmental disabilities. The Arc of Arizona currently works with 15 organized self advocacy groups with over 500 active members with DD.	www.arcarizona.org	State & Local	501(c)(3)	YES

The Extreme Parents Family Caregiver Group	Are you caring for, planning with, and dreaming along with someone who is an older teen, a young adult or an adult with a disability? If so, the Extreme Parent/Family Caregiver Group would like you to become involved. This group is led by family caregivers and meets weekly as long as there is a need. Sponsored by Pilot Parents of Southern Arizona and the Sonoran UCEDD	none or Pilot Parents	Pima County	No	YES
Tucson Alliance for Autism	To promote community awareness and provide diagnostic and therapeutic services for individuals with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)	http://www.tucsonallianceforautism.org	Pima County	501(c)(3)	YES
Wheel Me On	A nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting greater access for people with disabilities, including Service Members and Veterans with disabilities	www.wheelmeon.org	National	501(c)(3)	NO
Youth Action Council of Arizona (YAC-AZ)	The mission of the group is to empower youth by taking personal responsibility in an effort to improve the quality of their lives, as well as the quality of lives of others	none	Maricopa County	?	NO